

In the Specification:

Please amend the title to read ---MODULATION OF TGF- β BY TGF- β TYPE III RECEPTOR POLYPEPTIDES---.

On page 1, line 4 of the specification, please add the following:

---RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation of 08/446,939 filed on May 23, 1995, which is a Divisional of 08/311,703, filed September 23, 1994, which is a File Wrapper Continuation of 07/786,063, filed October 31, 1991, ^{now abandoned} the entire teachings of each are incorporated herein by reference.---

On page 12, line 27, please delete "(see Example 6)".

On page 32, line 1 delete "(Figure 4)".

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-24 and 26-30. Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

25. (Amended) A method of altering the level of TGF- β binding to TGF- β type III receptor on the surface of a cell, comprising [combining soluble TGF- β type III receptor with] contacting the cell with a preparation consisting essentially of a soluble polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of a mammalian TGF- β type III protein, wherein the amino acid sequence of the mammalian receptor protein is:

- a) the amino acid sequence of the TGF- β type III receptor protein of SEQ ID NO: 6 or
- b) the amino acid sequence of a TGF- β receptor protein encoded by mammalian DNA which hybridizes to the complement of SEQ ID NO: 5 under high stringency conditions, and

wherein the cell is contacted[,] under conditions appropriate for binding of the soluble [TGF- β type III receptor and] polypeptide to TGF- β [type III].